



Demonstration Project





Overview



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- ✓ Joint Venture Initiatives
 - ✓ Joint Venture Business Office (JVBO) Goals
 - ✓ Itemized Billing
 - ✓ VA Workload Credit
 - ✓ New VA Clinic
 - ✓ Integrated Planning



JV Initiatives



- ✓ 3 MDG & Alaska VA selected as Demonstration site for Coordinated Budget & Financial Management System (Joint Venture Business Office)

- ✓ 3 MDG & Alaska VA selected for Joint Incentive Fund
 - CT/MRI Enhanced Services





Major JVBO Goals



- ✓ Develop a unique & itemized bill for every patient episode of care
- ✓ Research & analyze itemized actual VA costs for appropriate reimbursement
- ✓ Develop systems/processes so all VA patient workload costs & payments are individually tracked
- ✓ Develop systems/processes to capture and authorize all VA workload at the JVMTF into the VA computerized fee program
- ✓ Identify services/functions that are possible candidates for further integration



Itemized Billing



Previous Billing Process

- ✓ Monthly billing report accomplished on excel spreadsheet
- ✓ Submitted to VA for reimbursement using per diem rate
- ✓ VA approves or denies charges
- ✓ DoD rectifies monthly summary report & resubmits corrected Form 1080 to VA
- ✓ Reimbursement received 60 to 90 days



Itemized Billing



Conversion to Itemized Billing

- ✓ Streamlined current processes with each department
- ✓ Installation & training of Just Claims Software
 - Retains patient billing claims & demographic information
 - Enabled us to process UB92 billing forms
- ✓ Uses CHCS adhoc reports to collect ICD9 and CPT codes
- ✓ Access to CHCS reporting system to run monthly billing reports
 - ER billing reports are processed, audited and billed weekly



Itemized Billing



Implementation of Itemized Billing

- ✓ Itemized bills created using phased approach
 - Emergency Dept
 - Outpatient
 - Inpatient
- ✓ Lab & Radiology experienced a delay
 - ICD9 codes unavailable in Lab & Radiology systems
 - CHCS Administrator created report to include ICD9 codes
 - Anticipated completion date: April 06



Itemized Billing



New Billing Process

- ✓ CHCS billing reports generated & submitted to VA for review
 - Disputed charges reviewed and joint decision made by DoD & VA JVBO
- ✓ UB92 billing forms are generated for each patient episode of care
- ✓ Claims are batched and forwarded to VA Biller for processing
- ✓ Claim totals are balanced with monthly summary
- ✓ Form 1080 submitted to VA for payment
- ✓ Reimbursement - 14 to 45 days turnaround



VA Workload Credit



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- ✓ Use of VA fee package for authorizations
 - ✓ Create consults in CPRS
 - ✓ Scan medical documents into CPRS generated auth
 - ✓ \$554,570 in outpatient fee captured (since 4/05)
 - ✓ \$691,399 in inpatient fee captured (since 7/05)

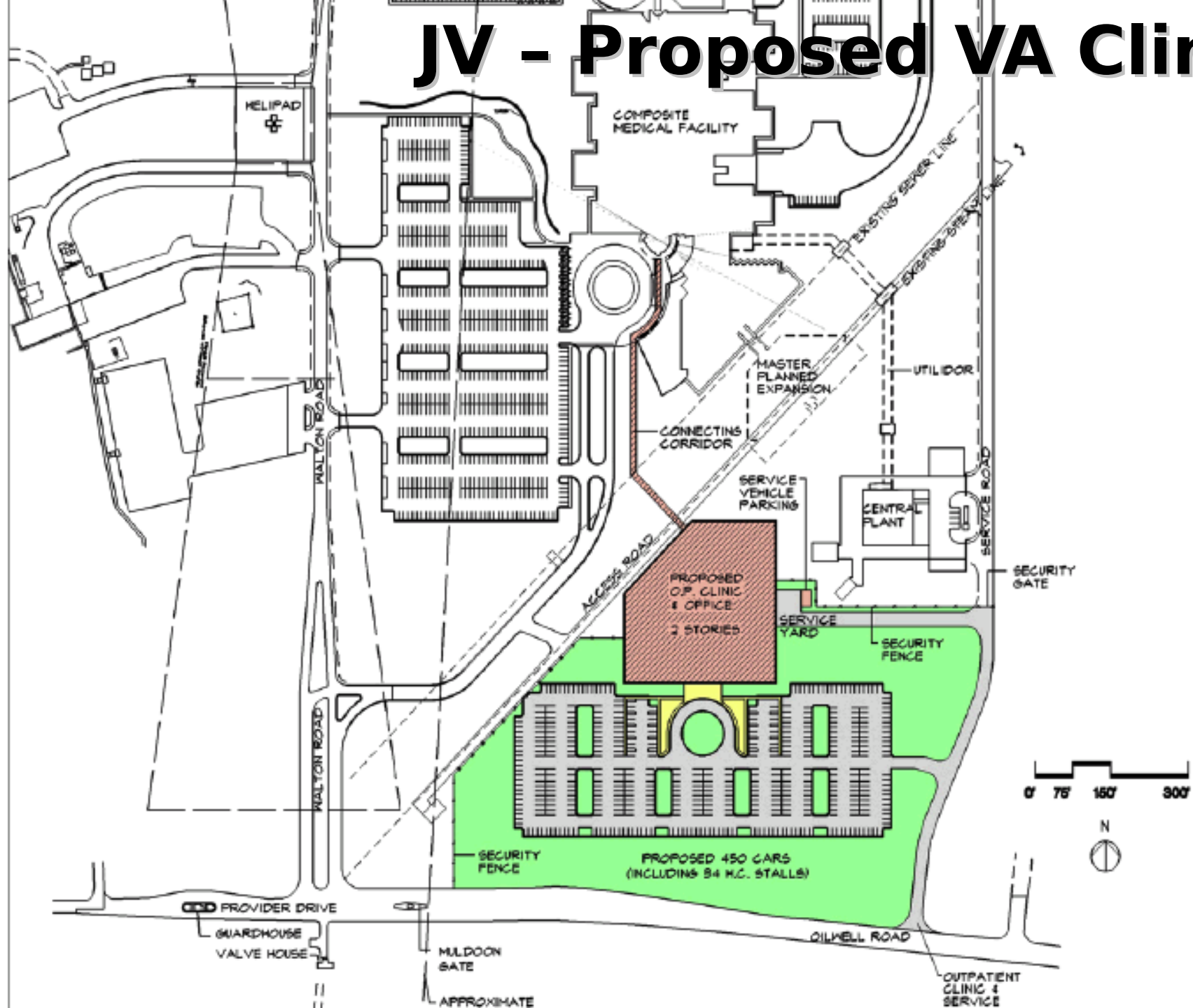


New VA Clinic



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- ✓ Current clinic in leased space at Alaska Regional Hospital
 - Significant space constraints
 - Lease expires 2007
 - ✓ New clinic approved for construction outside Muldoon gate adjacent to 3 MDG Hospital
 - Design funded in 2004
 - Construction begins - FY07
 - Open for Business - FY09

JV - Proposed VA Clinic





Integration Initiatives



- ✓ Library
- ✓ Warehouse
- ✓ Central Sterile Supply
- ✓ Laboratory



Questions?